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- b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box No. II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (See Box No. III).

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- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int. Cl. <sup>7</sup>: C12Q 1/68 C12N 15/50

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)  
WPIDS, Medline, Caplus, Biosis, Biotechabs: SARS, severe acute respiratory, PCR, amplify, identif?, primer?, nspl,  
non structural protein  
CAS-Registry, Dgene: SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category* | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages   | Relevant to claim No. |
|-----------|--|-----------------------|
| X         | Ruan et al (2003) 'Comparative full-length genome sequence analysis of 14 SARS coronavirus isolates and common mutations associated with putative origins of infection' The Lancet. Vol 361(9371): 1779-1785'<br>(see the whole document including appendices) | 1, 7, 8, 11-18        |

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C☒ See patent family annex

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| P, X  | WO 2004085455 A1<br>(THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG) 7 October 2004<br>(see in particular page 41, line 27 to page 15, line 13)   | 1                     |
| P, X  | WO 2004099440 A1<br>(CAPITAL BIOCHIP COMPANY, LTD et al.) 14 November 2004<br>(see in particular page 22, line 17 to page 24)  | 1                     |
| P, X  | WO 2005005658 A1<br>(CAPITAL BIOCHIP COMPANY, LTD et al.) 20 January 2005<br>(see in particular pages 51 and 52)   | 1                     |
| A   | Snijder et al. (2003) 'Unique and conserved features of genome and proteome of SARS-coronavirus, and early split-off from the coronavirus group 2 lineage'<br>Journal of Molecular Biology. Vol 331: 991-1004<br>(see in particular page 994, 2 <sup>nd</sup> column, lines 33-37) | 1-23                  |
| A   | Yam et al. (2003) 'Evaluation of reverse transcription-PCR assays for rapid diagnosis of severe acute respiratory syndrome associated with a novel coronavirus'<br>Journal of Clinical Microbiology. Vol 41(10): 4521-4524<br>(see the whole document)                             | 1-23                  |
| A   | Poon et al. (2003) 'Rapid diagnosis of a coronavirus associated with severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS)'<br>Clinical Chemistry. Vol 49(6): 953-955<br>(see the whole document)   | 1-23                  |

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| Patent Document Cited in<br>Search Report   |            |    |            | Patent Family Member |            |    |            |
|---|------------|----|------------|----------------------|------------|----|------------|
| WO  | 2004085455 | US | 2005009009 | WO                   | 2004085633 | WO | 2004085650 |
| WO  | 2004099440 |    |            |                      |            |    |            |
| WO  | 2005005658 |    |            |                      |            |    |            |
| Due to data integration issues this family listing may not include 10 digit Australian applications filed since May 2001. |            |    |            |                      |            |    |            |
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